GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CORRUPTION IN HANDLOOM SECTOR OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of Jammu and Kashmir which have made achievements in the handloom sector during the last three years;

(b) whether no progress has been made in the handloom sector in Jammu and Kashmir due to corruption prevailing in the State Handloom Board;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) The Government of J&K has reported that the crucial achievement of the handloom sector is the preservation and promotion of the unique weaving heritage of the State. The areas which have particularly registered the maximum progress are Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur and Doda. The major contribution of the handloom sector is the well-known Raffal Pashmina and Kani-Jamawar shawls, loies and blankets, khadi and woollen cloth. The handloom sector in Jammu and Kashmir has made considerable progress during the last 3 years as indicated below:

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Production of fabric (in lakh metres)	57.33	43.35	153.70
Value in Rupees in lakh	5137.29	4165.96	22279.34
No. of persons trained	556	678	637
No. of beneficiaries covered under Insurance Scheme	650	850	1412
New Handlooms provided	62	34	159

(b), (c) & (d) Do not arise in view of the position stated above. Further, the State Government has informed that there is no Handloom Board in the State.